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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Dear Sir

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Please consider the Response to Final Office Action, which is being submitted with this request.

The RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is being paid electronically via the USPTO EFS. The Commissioner is authorized to deduct any additional fees which may be necessary and to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 502264.

Please contact the undersigned attorney with any questions concerning this request or the above-identified patent application.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being electronically submitted to the COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS via EFS on February 14, 2007.

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